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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: A PREFORM INLET ARRANGEMENT FOR AN OPTICAL FIBER DRAWING FURNACE, A FURNACE PROVIDED WITH THAT KIND OF INLET ARRANGEMENT, AND A PREFORM EQUIPPED TO CO-OPERATE WITH THAT INLET ARRANGEMENT

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**The specification is changed as follows:**

Page 1, after the title, insert the heading

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Page 2, after line 1 (according to the line numbering), insert the heading

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

Page 3, after line 22, insert the heading

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Page 4, after line 1, insert the heading